



August 13, 2013

CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA
Regular Meeting
Action Minutes

7:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Burke
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All
INVOCATION: Mayor Burke

1. **ROLL CALL**

2. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:**

1. ***Under New Business add:***

A Resolution to Extend the Moratorium of the acceptance of all applications for Land Use Amendments and/or the Rezoning of Parcels of Land or Buildings, for existing or proposed properties within the General Business Zoning District of the City of Morrow, as well as all applications for Building Permits, Land Disturbance Permits, and Certificates of Occupancy for use of Existing or Proposed Properties as Assemblies and/or Institutions within the General Business Zoning District of the City of Morrow through and including September 23, 2013.

2. ***Under New Business remove Item #1:***

Approval of a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Morrow to Certify the Public Hearing on the Draft Documents of the Short Term Work Program Update and to Authorize Submittal of the Draft Document to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson moved to approve the Meeting Agenda as amended. Councilman Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of the July 22, 2013 Special Called Meeting Minutes and the July 23, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Huie moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

4. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Report on “Relay for Life” by the American Cancer Society.
2. Presentation of a 30 Year Pin to Jeff Eady by Mayor JB Burke
3. Power Point presentation on upcoming Municipal Election (Jeff Eady)
4. Financial Update – Dan Defnall

5. **FIRST PRESENTATION:** None

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. **(Public Hearing on Millage Rate for 2013)**
A Public Hearing on the approval of an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Morrow, Georgia to set and declare the Tax Millage Rate in the City of Morrow, Georgia for Calendar Year 2013 and setting forth certain information regarding Rolled Back Rates; and for other purposes.
2. **(Public Hearing on Short Term Work Program Update)**
A Public Hearing on the approval to submit the draft documents of the Short Term Work Program Update to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS:**

8. **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Morrow, Georgia to set and declare the Tax Millage Rate in the City of Morrow, Georgia for Calendar Year 2013 and setting forth certain information regarding Rolled Back Rates; and for other purposes.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Bridges moved to approve the item. Councilman Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

2. Approval or Denial of a Variance Request by Crown Communities, Inc. from Section 905A RS-80 which outlines allowable building materials for single-family residential dwelling units within the RS-80 zoning district. The applicant is requesting to allow additional building materials: cement fiberboard siding, with vinyl accents allowed only in soffits, gables, eaves, fascia board, and shutters, which are currently not allowed by City Code. The subject property is zoned RS-80 and located on the south side of Old Rex Morrow Road, south of Trammell Road, Morrow, GA 30260, also known as the Brookwood Estates Subdivision. This item was postponed for action by the Mayor and Council at the July 23, 2013 Council Meeting.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson made a motion to approve use of hardiplank cementitious lap siding with 7” reveal, for use in Brookwood Estates. Specifically hardiplank use is restricted for use at sides and rear of homes at a minimum starting height equal to or above the gutter/fascia for use in gable areas and for only homes of 2,000 SF or larger heated living space. Exceptions: On roof dormers the use hardiplank lap siding, hardiplank cedar shake,

hardiplank stucco board and a hardiplank trim component is approved; including front elevations. At the front porch a maximum of 75 square feet of hardiplank can be installed. Builder must disclose to the city the intent to use hardiplank during the permitting process. Moreover, within this subdivision any owner inhabited house whose land is immediately contiguous to the proposed home will be given the right to object to use of the hardiplank. The permit seeker shall compose a letter with reasonable disclosure for distribution to each said property. The city shall review the letter for acceptable disclosure of builder's intent. Upon approval the city will mail a certified letter to each said property and allow the homeowner 15 business days to file a written objection with the city to object to the use of hardiplank siding. The city retains the right to disallow the builder the use of hardiplank for that specific land lot when a property described above files an objection within said time limit. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion in order to get it on the table for discussion. The motion failed 1 to 2 with Councilwoman Bridges and Councilman Huie voting in opposition.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. *Removed by motion and vote:*

Approval of a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Morrow to Certify the Public Hearing on the Draft Documents of the Short Term Work Program Update and to Authorize Submittal of the Draft Document to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

2. Approval of a Facility Use Agreement for the Morrow Community Room.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Huie moved to approve the item with the following amendments to the agreement: Under 11. Rules and Regulations, Item 1, the last sentence shall read: "In the event that a reservation is cancelled by the City, at no fault of the Applicant, all fees and deposits that have been collected by the City shall be refunded to the applicant within seven (7) business days; or the City will make every effort to relocate the lessee to a comparable City of Morrow or MBTA facility. Councilwoman Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

3. *Added by Motion and Vote:*

A Resolution to Extend the Moratorium of the acceptance of all applications for Land Use Amendments and/or the Rezoning of Parcels of Land or Buildings, for existing or proposed properties within the General Business Zoning District of the City of Morrow, as well as all applications for Building Permits, Land Disturbance Permits, and Certificates of Occupancy for use of Existing or Proposed Properties as Assemblies and/or Institutions within the General Business Zoning District of the City of Morrow through and including September 23, 2013.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Bridges moved to approve the item. Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

10. **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Bridges moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance and the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.